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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment to the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENTS/PATENT APPLICATIONS" section as indicated below.

On page 1, starting at line 3, please amend the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENTS/PATENT APPLICATIONS" section as follows:

"CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENTS/PATENT APPLICATIONS"

The present U.S. Utility Patent Application claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to the following U.S. Provisional Patent Application Applications which is are hereby incorporated herein by reference in its their entirety and made part of the present U.S. Utility Patent Application for all purposes:

1. ~~U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/408,978, entitled "Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) Code Decoder using min*, min*, min**, and/or min**," (Attorney Docket No. BP 2559), filed September 6, 2002 (09/06/2002), pending.~~

1.2. U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/541,433, entitled "Efficient LDPC code decoding with new minus operator in a finite precision radix system," (Attorney Docket No. BP3448), filed February 3, 2004 (02/03/2004), pending.

The ~~present U.S. Utility Patent Application also claims priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the~~ following U.S. Utility Patent Application ~~which~~ is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and made part of the present U.S. Utility Patent Application for all purposes:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/369,168, entitled "Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) code decoder using min*, min**, max* or max** and their respective inverses," (~~Attorney Docket No. BP2559~~), filed February 19, 2003 (02/19/2003), pending."

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